



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition

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General

Some scattered rain showers were received in some areas across Arkansas last week. Twenty-two of the 36 reporting stations received measurable rain. The greatest precipitation amounts for the week were in Little Rock with 0.70 inches, followed by Eudora with 0.55 inches. Topsoil moisture supplies were reported to be 53 percent very short, 32 percent short, and 15 percent adequate. Subsoil moisture supplies were 50 percent very short, 33 percent short, and 17 percent adequate. As of today, 50 of the 75 Arkansas counties are under burn bans with 51 counties having a high wildfire danger, according to the Arkansas Forestry Commission. Temperatures were near normal last week. Low temperatures ranged from 33 degrees Fahrenheit at Gilbert to 52 degrees Fahrenheit at North Little Rock. High temperatures ranged from 79 degrees Fahrenheit at Fayetteville and Ozark to 90 degrees Fahrenheit at Keiser. Farmers averaged 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork.

Crops

Cotton harvest reached 87 percent complete by the end of last week, 79 percent ahead of last year and 33 percent ahead of the five-year average. Rice harvesting continued last week with 98 percent of the crop harvested by week's end. Soybeans yellowing reached 97 percent, with 90 percent shedding, 82 percent mature, and 71 percent harvested last week. Winter wheat producers had 20 percent of the crop planted, with 5 percent of the crop emerged. Harvest continued for cotton, rice, and soybeans last week. Some winter wheat producers planted wheat in dry fields, while others used their irrigation systems to aid germination and emergence.

Livestock

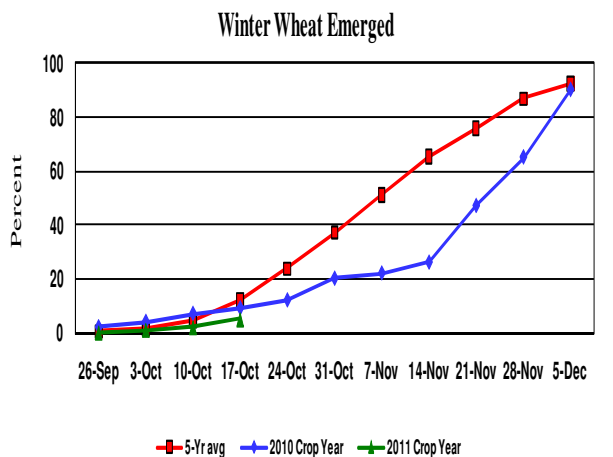
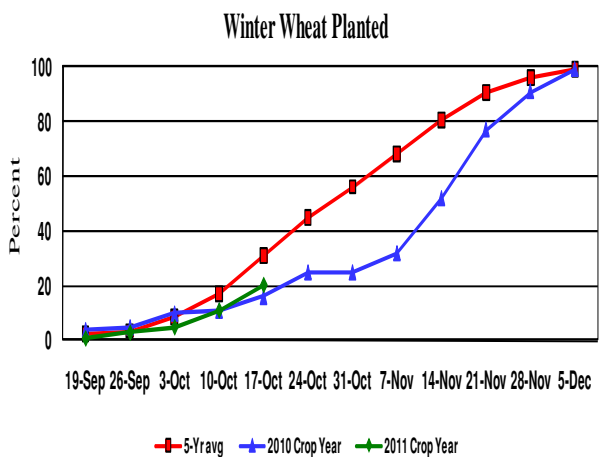
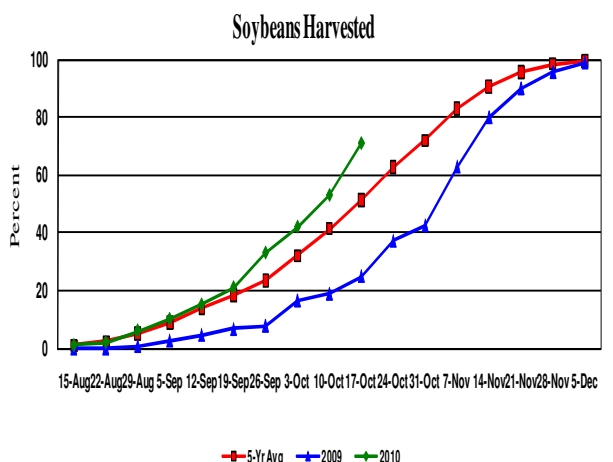
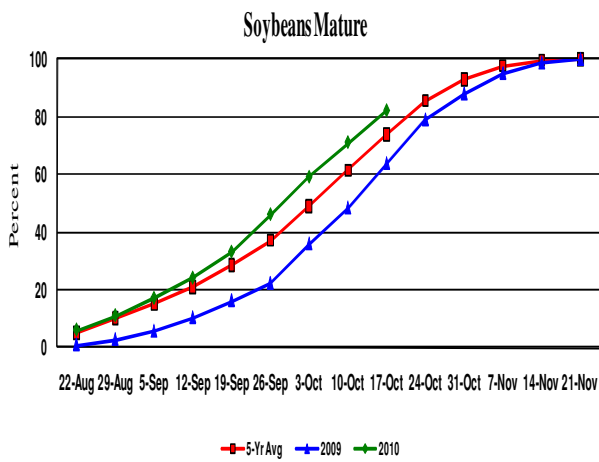
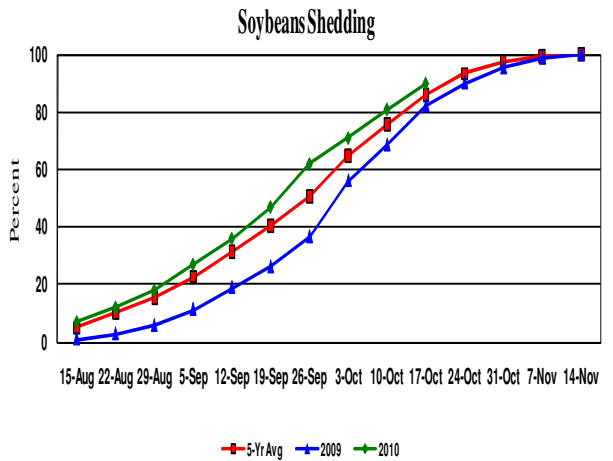
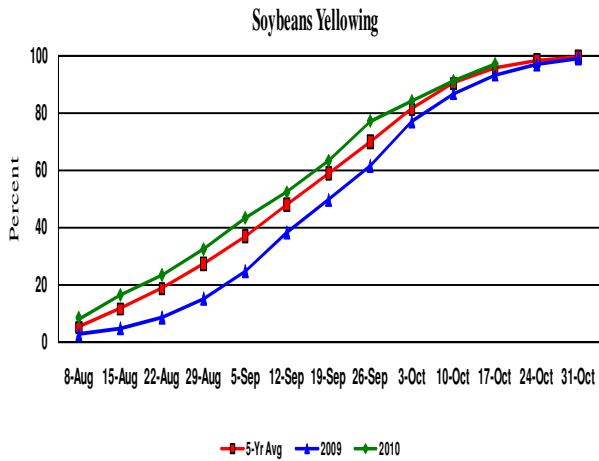
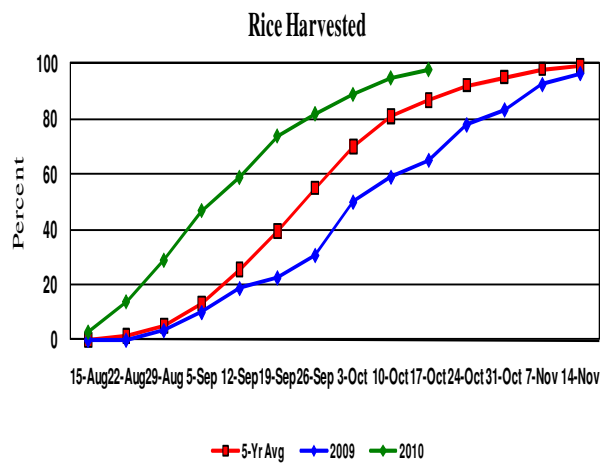
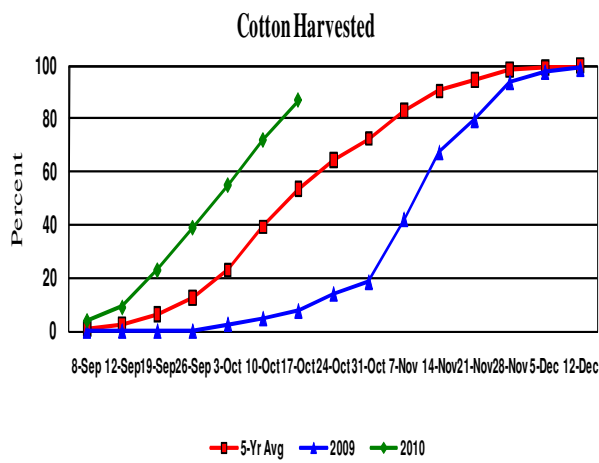
Last week livestock were mostly in fair to good condition. Conditions declined once again for pasture and range and hay crops. Conditions were mostly poor to fair for pasture and range and other hay, whereas alfalfa hay was mostly fair to good. Many cattle producers are feeding hay across the state.

Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2009	5-Year Avg
Cotton	Harvested	87	72	8	54
Rice	Harvested	98	95	65	87
Soybeans	Yellowing	97	91	93	95
	Shedding	90	81	82	86
	Mature	82	71	64	74
Winter Wheat	Harvested	71	53	25	51
	Planted	20	11	15	27
	Emerged	5	2	9	10

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Hay-Alfalfa	9	25	23	42	1
Hay-Other	19	28	42	10	1
Pasture and Range	28	35	30	5	2



Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending October 17, 2010

District	Station	Temperatures			Wk Ending Oct 17	Rainfall			
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *		4 wk Accum	4 wk Normal	Year-to-Date	
								2010	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	79	35	-1	0.01	0.02	3.80	37.64	36.68
	Harrison	82	42	3	0.00	0.09	3.20	42.87	35.20
N. Central	Calico Rock	84	36	1	0.00	0.18	3.42	39.81	35.70
	Gilbert	83	33	-2	0.07	0.46	3.06	39.39	34.42
	Greers Ferry	87	44	4	0.03	0.35	3.70	35.90	38.82
	Mtn. Home	82	44	3	0.08	0.29	3.18	42.65	34.84
Northeast	Batesville	87	40	5	0.00	0.03	3.36	35.41	36.44
	Blytheville	89	40	3	0.02	0.02	3.08	20.29	39.49
	Jonesboro	89	42	4	0.15	0.15	3.17	24.43	35.42
	Keiser	90	42	5	0.00	0.00	3.10	28.72	38.98
	Newport	85	44	2	0.05	0.05	3.13	32.14	37.12
W. Central	Booneville	84	40	-2	0.00	0.27	3.63	32.95	36.98
	Clarksville	82	45	3	0.04	0.50	3.71	36.58	35.88
	Dardanelle	87	41	1	0.00	1.31	3.52	37.31	37.25
	Ft. Smith	83	43	1	0.11	0.80	3.44	31.91	34.09
	Mena	82	41	-1	0.12	0.66	5.19	40.17	45.26
	Ozark	79	42	-1	0.34	1.03	3.47	42.80	34.63
Central	Conway	89	44	2	0.00	0.00	3.50	32.64	37.04
	Hot Springs	89	48	3	0.00	0.06	4.30	35.07	44.12
	Little Rock	86	48	3	0.70	0.70	3.59	27.33	38.78
	Morrilton	86	39	1	0.00	0.43	3.46	35.76	36.34
	N. Little Rock	85	52	4	0.03	0.05	3.19	34.58	37.35
E. Central	Brinkley	86	42	2	0.50	0.50	3.00	25.63	38.41
	Marianna	86	45	2	0.20	0.20	3.13	29.17	40.76
	Stuttgart	85	46	2	0.00	0.00	3.08	24.41	37.35
	West Memphis	87	42	2	0.00	0.00	2.88	34.22	40.44
Southwest	DeQueen	87	39	-1	0.35	0.77	4.63	29.47	42.07
	Hope	86	44	2	0.06	0.64	3.86	26.34	41.83
	Texarkana	85	46	-2	0.36	1.35	3.30	23.72	35.70
S. Central	Camden	89	43	1	0.00	1.03	3.73	25.18	41.15
	El Dorado	87	40	0	0.00	0.00	3.55	27.89	43.05
	Warren	85	45	2	0.00	0.00	3.82	27.72	43.36
Southeast	Eudora	88	45	2	0.55	0.91	2.99	31.05	44.23
	Monticello	87	46	5	0.46	0.54	3.47	27.73	43.43
	Pine Bluff	87	43	2	0.14	0.80	3.63	24.91	40.52
	Rohwer	85	44	2	0.05	0.26	2.76	31.31	39.83

* Departure from normal = $(\text{high} - \text{low}) - 30$ year average

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